

their own party. The more they feel Virginia and attempt to bring her into disrepute in the North, the greater will be their defeat next fall. There can be no doubt upon this point.

# Diversifying Production.

Looking at the prosperity that so universally prevails in our sister State of North Carolina, it would seem that the folks there are less harassed about political or other troubles than we are. We had a conversation some days ago with a representative of one of our large commercial houses here, who had made a journey of some 600 miles on horseback through the western portion of North Carolina. He informed us that the sale of syrups had dwindled down to almost nothing in that region because the farmers now all made their own from sorghum; that he found the people raising everything that would fetch money, and that the young people, male and female, were all at work. He reported the country as swarming with drummers, because that the people wanted to buy they had the money to pay for. This same diligence is found in the eastern part of the State as well. Take Newbern as an example. Not content with the corn and sweet potatoes, that used to comprise their staple crops, they now raise cotton heavily, garden truck for the northern markets, and upland rice. The rice mill there the past season worked up 70,000 bushels. The trade in fresh fish, for shipment to all points by express, has also reached very large dimensions. In Beaufort county, last year's crop of rice brought \$60,000. We all know how large the peanut crop has become in the coast county generally of that State. In dried fruits of all sorts North Carolina's product is now counted by thousands of tons. Her small fruits, grape and wine interests, are growing apace. One establishment, in the eastern part of the State, that ten years ago had only a sickly existence, sold last year 47,000 gallons of wine, and finds a demand for all it can possibly turn out. Indeed, look where we will in that old Commonwealth, we see signs of the most active life and thrift. Now, we in Virginia have been only too long enslaved to the production of tobacco, and keep at that crop when there is little show of selling the bulk of what we grow at prices hardly a shaving above the cost of production, if even that good. Will it not pay us to do what our brother "Tar-Heels" are doing—that is, look about us to see if we can't find something that will pay better? The transportation people are certainly doing their part to enable us to market what we raise in the most expeditious manner, and we have at command quick and certain means of carriage we can go into perishable products as well as those that will stand keeping. Here is matter for the consideration of our farmers' clubs. We should not remain in the "Slough of Despond" if we are able to get out of it, and the way North Carolina is getting along shows that we need not remain there.

# Candidates Recommended.

By a Southampton farmer who wants the great agricultural interests represented on the ticket: For Governor, Major J. W. Morton, of Charlotte county. By an "Old Subscriber": For Governor, JOHN GOOD; for Lieutenant-Governor, A. M. KELLEY; for Attorney-General, GARDNER TYLER. By a Registrar in Alexandria: Judge WILLIAM J. ROBERTSON for Governor. By "An Old-Line Whig": For Governor, GEORGE D. WISE; for Lieutenant-Governor, JOHN T. HARRIS; for Attorney-General, C. F. TRIGO. By a Tidewater man: For Governor, THOMAS CROCKETT, of Essex; for Lieutenant-Governor, ROBERT A. COGHILL, of Amherst; for Attorney-General, JAMES A. WALKER, of Pulaski. By a Spotsylvania man: For Governor, JAMES BARBOUR; Lieutenant-Governor, C. F. TRIGO; Attorney-General, WILLIAM WINT HENRY.

# We notice in the statement of the number of delegates to which each county is entitled in the August Convention that the number of delegates is greatly reduced.

The number from this county is three, whereas heretofore we have always been sending seven. The same may be said of King and Queen, and that of the other counties, we notice, is proportionately reduced. We would like to know the reason of this. We do not see the call for a less number of delegates to this the most important convention that has ever assembled in this State. Will the Dispatch give us the reason for this, and let us know who authorized it?—West Point Star.

# The Conservative Conventions of late years have been so unwieldy—particularly that which nominated HOLLIDAY in 1877—that they had degenerated into mobs.

The State Central Committee, after due deliberation, decided to have one delegate for every 200 voters instead of as heretofore for every 100, including in the basis of representation the combined HANCOCK vote of both the Democrats and the Reckdusters. Thus Richmond city was reduced from 70 delegates in 1877 to 27 in 1881. We deem the change wise, especially as the August Convention ought to be a deliberative body. It will have important questions to decide. The number of delegates will be between 600 and 700. King William gave less than 700 votes—therefore she has only 3 delegates. If she had cast 701 votes, she would have been entitled to 4 delegates.

# The Norfolk Landmark is out in a new dress.

We suspect that BARNOR HORN got this new tummy for use next fall, when the Yorktown celebration is going on. He has been selected to write and read a poem on the occasion; and desires that his paper, like himself, shall on that occasion put the best foot foremost. Anyhow, we congratulate our contemporary upon this evidence of a merited popularity. If Norfolk had only one journal, we should be able to speak more freely. "How happy were either dear charmer away." The Virginia, the Ledger, and the Landmark constitute a trio that Norfolk ought to be proud of.

# CHINESE TOBACCO.—One of the best-

posted tobacco men in England, writing to a friend here, observes: "Our Virginia and North Carolina friends need have no fear of Chinese tobacco. It is beautiful to the eye and pleasant enough to the nose, but is simply beastly to smoke. It is only used here to brighten up the commoner sorts of mixtures and shags." What the Farmville Mercury says as to the White River tobacco—that it owes its popularity in England largely to its drinking qualities—had already been said in the Dispatch. But we were not on that point when we penned the paragraph upon which the Mercury comments.

# LOUISIANA COURTHOUSE.

COURT-DAY AND POLITICS.—RICHLAND NEWS. (Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

June 14, 1881.

Monday was our regular County-Court day. The attendance was not very large, and yet, by no means small. There was some politicking, but no very great excitement—such, to instance, as is attendant upon occasions of joint discussions between orators of the different factions. The Reckdusters held a mass-meeting, which was addressed by Hon. William A. Gordon, of this county, and John B. Egan, the editor of the Richmond Whig. After the speakers' resolutions ratifying the work of the State Convention, expressing confidence in a victory for the party this fall, and a determination to see that the county remains true to the cause of the Democrats, the court was unanimously adopted. It was announced on the court-green that the Conservatives would hold a full meeting at the next court for the purpose of selecting delegates to their State Convention. A colored orator was present, who addressed the colored voters on the court-green in the interest of the Republican party and against the colored voters uniting in support of the Reckduster ticket. He was listened to by many whites also, and the Conservatives seemed particularly pleased with his strictures upon the Reckdusters and gave vent to the feelings of the fact, while the Reckdusters evidently regarded it as very cheap. It is folly to indulge in speculations at this early day as to the outcome of the campaign in Louisiana. All sides doubtless claim a victory, and both the Reckdusters and Conservatives will make the best fight they can. And as to the amount of support the Reckdusters will receive, if such is put in the field, this remains to be seen. The Episcopal congregation worshipping at this place have recently erected quite a pretty and comfortable church building. The building is a frame one, and is situated in the upper part of town in a pretty grove. The Methodist District Conference (Charlottesville district) will convene at this place the latter part of July, and the District's Cooperation Meeting will also meet here some time in August. The friends of the temperance cause here have recently organized a local and independent organization at this place.

# ALBUQUERQUE.

NEWCASTLE, June 14, 1881.

Editors Dispatch: Craig county has been one of the strongholds of readjustment heretofore, and it voted very strongly against the McCulloch bill in 1879; but since then, under the influence of the Reckdusters, and having voted, believing that equity and fair-dealing demanded that the debt should be scaled; but when the issue to be met is between the Democratic and Republican parties we are at all times found with the Democrats. As an evidence of this, we refer to General Mahone's 11th-of-July ticket in the late presidential canvass, which only received thirty-four votes in the county. The State ticket lately nominated in your city has fallen still-born in this county. It will have few followers amongst those who have hitherto been Democrats. We believe that the few Republicans amongst us prefer a straight ticket of their own to falling into line under General Mahone. You may put it down that Craig will give the regular Democratic ticket a rousing majority next November. We much incline to believe that the extension of the Richmond and Alleghany railroad through Craig. A great deal of our mountain and mineral land is being purchased, and a considerable amount of capital is seeking investment in our county. Indeed, we are having quite a boom, which, we trust, is backed by sound business principles. We have suffered considerably from the effects of dry weather. The wheat, hay, and oat crops will not be average ones. More anon. NEW CASTLE.

# MATHEWS.

(Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.)

June 14, 1881.

Yesterday was Mathews County-Court day, and pursuant to notice there was a large and enthusiastic Conservative meeting to send delegates to the Conservative Democratic Convention. The delegates and alternates were as follows: Plankenski, Judge T. J. Christian, delegate; Dr. Lewis B. Montague, alternate. Westville district, Dr. John B. Bohannon, delegate; W. E. Fitchett, Esq., alternate. Chesapeake district, G. T. Garnett, Esq., delegate; Sarge Smith, Esq., alternate. Delegate at large, John B. Donovan, Esq., Richard M. Marchant, Esq., alternate. This is one of the best delegations that could have been appointed. The citizens called out B. F. Bland and J. N. Stubbs, Esqs., who made excellent addresses and created great enthusiasm. This was one of the best and most enthusiastic delegations that we have ever seen. When compared with the Reckduster meeting of eleven men shows Mathews county to be overwhelmingly Conservative. The removal of Mr. A. P. Davies from the post-office at this place has created great indignation among all classes. He is one of the most efficient postmasters in the Government employ.

# The President and the North Carolina Colored Folks.

The local Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says:

A delegation of thirty colored men filed into the White House about noon, and were granted an audience with the President. By George Price, and were appointed by the convention of colored men which was held in Raleigh, N. C., on the 17th of May last. The chairman of the delegation read an address and a resolution, which was adopted by the convention, the purpose of which was that they, as colored men, complained of the way they had been treated by the white Republicans and Federal officials in that State in the distribution of official patronage. The address stated that the colored men of North Carolina had been treated by the white Republicans and Federal officials in that State in the distribution of official patronage. The address stated that the colored men of North Carolina had been treated by the white Republicans and Federal officials in that State in the distribution of official patronage. The address stated that the colored men of North Carolina had been treated by the white Republicans and Federal officials in that State in the distribution of official patronage.

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before the sun, as they were tired of doing the voting and receiving none of the reward. They were placed in the room of the President, but, intimated that they would like to see something practical come out of the interview.

# What the New York Papers Think of the Situation at Albany.

The New York Times says: Mr. Sessions seems to think it a very light thing that he should tell of his having earned thousands of dollars as a lobbyist, years since, when this was not a crime. The Legislature, he had taken a band in this business both in Washington and in Albany, and on one occasion, when he had received a check for \$1,000 for services, and suspected that check might be stopped before the check could be presented, he took a fleet horse and posted from Albany to Troy, in order to get in early with his check. In short, he says he "acted as a lobbyist, off and on," for six or seven years. A lobbyist receives money for his services in influencing legislation.

The same says: Nobody seems to have the remotest idea how consolidation is to come about on any candidate, and the secession of another Conkling man is hardly significant enough to warrant a belief in the approaching break-up of his group of voters. The entire contest is in danger of becoming a mere trial of endurance in which the issues really at stake, and the interests of the party will be equally lost sight of. The Herald says: Sessions' own testimony shows that what Bradley charged Sessions with doing was an attempt to secure doubtful votes, which Sessions has been regularly and constantly doing for years. The Reckdusters are not to be disappointed. The people will be of greater moment than its relation to the charge of bribery, and we shall not be surprised if it ultimately proves of more importance than the senatorial canvass. Its tendency is to exhibit how things are done at Albany, and to indicate that a sham government by the people must become when the representatives of the people are bought up like cattle so easily and regularly that a man who refuses to be bought is immediately put upon trial as if he were a great offender. The following extracts are from the Tribune:

# Conkling never worked for the Republic.

Conkling never worked for the Republic as party so jealously as he is working now for the Democratic party. A vote for adjournment is a vote for the Democratic party. No Republican can cast one without becoming a traitor to his party. There may be Republicans in the Legislature, but the people will be of greater moment than its relation to the charge of bribery, and we shall not be surprised if it ultimately proves of more importance than the senatorial canvass. Its tendency is to exhibit how things are done at Albany, and to indicate that a sham government by the people must become when the representatives of the people are bought up like cattle so easily and regularly that a man who refuses to be bought is immediately put upon trial as if he were a great offender. The following extracts are from the Tribune:

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# COUNSEL IN THE STAR-ROUTE CASES.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore Sun says: It has already been stated in this correspondence that Mr. William A. Conkling will be assigned any leading part in the star-route prosecutions. He will be expected to look after the details and the routine, the sharp practice, &c. It is probable that Attorney-General MacVeagh will conduct the prosecution in behalf of the Government, and that additional counsel taken from some of the leaders of the bar outside of the District of Columbia, will be employed.

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Married, June 13th, at Hawthorn, WILLIAM WYNARD ARNOLD, Esq., of St. Helena, Australia, and MARY A. ARNOLD, third daughter of Murray M. Barker, Esq., of Hawthorn, Australia county.

# DEATHS.

Died, Thursday morning, at 5 o'clock, LUCY PITZGIBB, wife of Calvin Conway, and daughter of Mary Ann Conway, of this city. The funeral will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock from the residence of the family. The deceased is respectfully invited to attend.

# MEETINGS.

HEADQUARTERS RICHMOND COMMANDERY, No. 2, K. C. RICHMOND, VA., June 17, 1881. GENERAL ORDER NO. 51.—SIR: Knights: Attend a stated assembly of the Richmond Commandery, No. 2, K. C., at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the Commander, of St. Andrew, No. 18, and all visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend. By order of the Commander, J. THOMPSON BROWN, Captain General. Attest: C. A. DANFORTH, Recorder. My 17-81.

# MYRTLE LODGE, No. 25, K. OF P.

OF P.—Attend a stated convention of your Lodge this (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock, at the residence of the Master, of St. Andrew, No. 18, and all visiting Sir Knights are cordially invited to attend. By order of the Master, J. THOMPSON BROWN, Master. Attest: C. A. DANFORTH, Recorder. My 17-81.

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